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Patent claims

1. An airbag module having a gas generator, in particular having a tubular gas generator, which
5 has a plurality of outflow openings distributed over its circumference for the gases produced after it has been triggered, characterized in that at least one of the outflow openings (3, 4, 14-19) in the gas generator (2) can be closed during the
10 installation or after the installation in the airbag module, and in that the gas generator (2) is fastened in a module housing (1, 20) which has a closure element (5, 22-25) in the region of each opening (4, 14, 18, 19) to be closed of the gas
15 generator (13).
2. The airbag module as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that for each outflow opening (3, 4, 14-19) to be closed, a closure element (5, 22-
20 25) engaging in the latter is provided.
3. The airbag module as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the closure element (5, 22-25) has the diameter of the outflow openings (3,
25 4, 14-19).
4. The airbag module as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that for each outflow opening (3, 4, 14-19) to be closed, a
30 separate closure stopper (11) is provided as the closure element.

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5. The airbag module as claimed in at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that a tubular gas generator (2) is provided as the gas generator, the module housing (1, 20) bears tightly against the gas generator (2, 13) in the region of each of the outflow openings (4, 14, 18, 19) to be closed of the same.
6. The airbag module as claimed in at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the module housing (1, 20) has, on each opening (4, 14, 18, 19) to be closed, a cylindrical lug as the closure element (5, 22, 24, 25).
7. The airbag module as claimed in at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the module housing (1) has, on each opening (4) to be closed, a bead (9) as the closure element.
8. The airbag module as claimed in at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the module housing (1, 20) has, in the region of the gas generator (2, 13), the shape of a half shell (1a-c, 20a) matched to the generator housing, and in that a retaining plate (6, 26) is provided for fixing the gas generator (2, 13) in the module housing (1, 20).

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9. The airbag module as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the module housing (1, 20), when a cylindrical tubular gas generator (2, 13) is used, is designed as a cylindrical half shell (1a-c, 20a) which is assigned a cylindrical half shell as the retaining plate (6, 26).
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10. The airbag module as claimed in claim 8 or 9, characterized in that the retaining plate (6, 26) has beads (9) directed toward the gas generator (2, 13).
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11. The airbag module as claimed in at least one of claims 8 to 10, characterized in that the retaining plate (26) has at least one closure element (23).
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12. The airbag module as claimed in claim 11, characterized in that a bead (23) is provided in the retaining plate (26) as the closure element.
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